

<1/18/19 Strike Update> Bargaining Extends Through the Weekend, Plan for Protests on Tuesday

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Dear Los Angeles Charter Leaders,

Thank you so much for everything you have done during a challenging and complicated week to support your staff, students, and families.

We write with today's updates and news coverage on the fifth day of the UTLA strike in LAUSD schools, including the resumption of bargaining, the announcement that talks will continue into the weekend, reports of less activity on picket lines, and new statements from Board Members and labor groups. [Please fill out this survey to keep us up to date on the situation on your campuses today so we can best support you next week.](#)

Bargaining resumed today between LAUSD and UTLA and will continue through the weekend. The two sides have signed a confidentiality agreement and therefore will not offer public details about the state of bargaining. Today, Superintendent Beutner, the [Board of Education](#), and [select Board Members](#) issued statements following bargaining. Notably, the Superintendent told the press that he is optimistic the District will reach an agreement with UTLA over the weekend. *We will update you with any developments in bargaining that occur over the weekend.*

Protest incidents requiring intervention were down today at charter school campuses, with a few exceptions. With the great mass of striking teachers making their way to Grant Park for UTLA's 10:30AM rally, protests were muted at several sites today. However, there were a few notable exceptions, especially at centrally-located co-located campuses following the rally. If such problematic actions are occurring on your site, please record video of these activities and send them to our team.

A major charter-supportive opinion was published in the national press. We encourage you to share the piece - which takes a charter-positive angle on the strike, through your own social media outlets, with your charter school's board members, families/school communities, and your personal networks as you deem appropriate.

The Associated Administrators of Los Angeles called on UTLA to end the strike. In a [letter published to their website](#), AALA raised concerns for the safety and well-being of their members and raised concerns on UTLA contract demands.

Once again, we will update you this weekend with any noteworthy developments to bargaining. As always, please contact our team with any questions, and review consequential news media clips and CCSA-provided resources below:

- [Washington Post on 1/18: Why does the L.A. teachers union want to limit the options for poor children?](#)
- [LA Times on 1/18: LAUSD teachers' strike, Day 5: The sun's out, L.A. strikers gather, and hopes rise for a settlement](#)

- NY Times on 1/18: Democrats Are United on Teacher Strikes. But They're in a 'Gladiator Fight' Over Education
- NY Times on 1/18: At Los Angeles Teachers' Strike, a Rallying Cry: More Funding, Fewer Charters
 - Note: CCSA obtained a correction to this story.

Again, with logistical or media issues throughout the strike, please contact your Regional Advocacy Director:

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We have updated member resources and are sharing new guidance. Our recently **UPDATED** Strike Preparedness How-To Guide for Charter School Leaders includes a complete list of all member resources, including:

- **NEW:** Updated letter to families with new strike date and recommendations on interacting with members of the media.
- **NEW:** Sample Statement for Charter Schools to Give to Media During LAUSD Strike
- **NEW:** Charter Educator Update on UTLA's Open Letter to Charter Teachers (Please review this resources with your legal counsel before distributing to your staff, particularly if you have unique school-specific labor considerations.)
- As a reminder, the **LA School Police Watch Command number is (213) 625-6631**. Detailed information on contacting law enforcement is available in our **Picketing Guide**.

In an effort to equip members to focus on serving kids while we tackle the broader narrative, CCSA has created the following **NEW resource page for media on the strike**.

As a reminder, if you receive media inquiries, please **let your RA Director** know, and then use this **NEW statement** to refer reporters to us.

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